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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT BY NOAA OF NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

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1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, I HAVE TWICE INQUIRED OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY A.N. FORDE WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT GOB TO SIGN PROPOSED RAWINSONDE AGREEMENT. INITIALLY, FORDE REPLIED HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE SAID MINISTRY IS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

2. COMMENT: ON BASIS OUR EXPERIENCE OF RECENT PAST WITH OTHER MATTERS MINISTRY SAID IT IS LOOKING INTO, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF FURTHER CONSIDERABLE DELAY ENSUED. IN OTHER CASES WHERE DELAY ENCOUNTERED, WE BELIEVE IT SOMETIMES DUE TO INEFFICIENCY, SOMETIMES TO DOUBTS AS TO DESIRABILITY OF ACTION PROPOSED. GIVEN VERY LONG PERIOD RAWINSONDE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN HANGING FIRE, WE THINK IT LIKELY GOB HAS DOUBTS BUT DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE OFFENSE BY SAYING SO.

3. A POSSIBLE MEANS OF BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GOB WOULD BE TO MAKE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN CONTINGENT ON SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT. SINCE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT TO NOAA TO HOLD UP PEREZ' TRAVEL AT THIS LATE DATE OR WHETHER GOB MORE INTERESTED THAN NOAA IN HIS ASSIGNMENT HERE, WE OFFER THIS MERELY AS A SUGGESTION, NOT AS A RECOMMENDATION.

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